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The Minister’s Black Veil Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Predictions Guide

**Bell Ringer**

Directions: you will be reading the short story,” The Minister’s Black Veil” by Nathaniel Hawthorne. Listed below are five quotations from the story. Read each quote and write a prediction describing what you think will happen in the story and the reason behind your prediction.

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| **Quotation #1 p.** "I can't really feel as if good Mr. Hooper's face was behind that piece of crape," said the sexton.  "I don't like it," muttered an old woman, as she hobbled into the meeting-house. "He has changed himself into something awful, only by hiding his face."  "Our parson has gone mad!" cried Goodman Gray, following him across the threshold.  **Quotation #2**  The sermon which he now delivered …….. It was tinged, rather more darkly than usual, with the gentle gloom of Mr. Hooper's temperament. The subject had reference to secret sin, and those sad mysteries which we hide from our nearest and dearest, and would fain conceal from our own consciousness, even forgetting that the Omniscient can detect them.  **Quotation #3 p.**  The afternoon service was attended with similar circumstances. At its conclusion, the bell tolled for the funeral of a young lady. The relatives and friends were assembled in the house, and the more distant acquaintances stood about the door, speaking of the good qualities of the deceased, when their talk was interrupted by the appearance of Mr. Hooper, still covered with his black veil. It was now an appropriate emblem.  **Quotation #4 p. 274**  “In this manner Mr. Hooper spent a long life, irreproachable in outward act, yet shrouded in dismal suspicions; kind and loving, though unloved, and dimly feared; a man apart from men…”    **Quotation #5 p. 275**  Then, still veiled on his deathbed, Hooper elaborates: "Why do you tremble at me alone?" cried he, turning his veiled face round the circle of pale spectators. "Tremble also at each other! Have men avoided me, and women shown no pity, and children screamed and fled, only for my black veil? What, but the mystery which it obscurely typifies, has made this piece of crape so awful? When the friend shows his inmost heart to his friend; the lover to his best beloved; when man does not vainly shrink from the eye of his Creator, loathsomely treasuring up the secret of his sin; then deem me a monster, for the symbol beneath which I have lived, and die! I look around me, and, lo! on every visage a Black Veil!" | **Your Prediction**  **Your Prediction**  **Your Prediction**  **Your Prediction**  **Your Prediction** |